



**CALIFORNIA
LGBTQ**
HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES **NETWORK**

www.californialgbtqhealth.org

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Dear Network members,

We are approaching the end of the legislative session, which is always a busy time here in Sacramento. With the legislature taking an extended break in July to address several cases of COVID-19 among legislators and staff, the final few weeks of committee hearings are going to be even more hectic than usual.

Several bills addressing LGBTQ health need your support, including [AB 2218](#).

And we also need your voices at the federal level too. In an almost unbelievable move during a global public health crisis, the Trump administration has released a proposal that would remove critical protections meant to ensure the safety of any trans person in need of Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) funded programs - especially homeless shelters.

[Submit your comments now through September to create a wave of opposition to reject this dangerous proposal.](#)

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Visit our [Resources](#) page to find LGBTQ-affirming providers, safe spaces, and services. We are actively seeking to add resources! If you do not see the resource you are looking for, or you would like to add a resource, please [click here](#) to fill out our submission form.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources



The Network has a [webpage](#) dedicated to COVID-19 impacts on LGBTQ Californians, which is being updated frequently. Additionally, [please click here](#) to find useful social media graphics and visit our [Youtube channel](#) to watch previous webinars.

Network Call

August 6, 2020
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Dial in using your phone:

1 (872) 240-3412
Access Code: 357-065-501

Join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

[GoToMeeting Link](#)

ACEs Aware Initiative

aces aware

GRANTEE

We're honored to be a part of the work that ACEs Aware is doing to expand awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress in California, and how Medi-Cal providers can help respond with trauma-informed care.

Learn more about ACEs Aware at www.acesaware.org #ACEsAware

#Out4MentalHealth

Mental health: A must!

Did you know all health insurance must include mental health services?

Privately purchased insurance, employer insurance and all plans through Covered California and Medi-Cal must cover mental health services.

For more information, visit eqca.org/o4mh_resources or covid19.eqca.org.



#Out4MentalHealth

Covered California Special Enrollment

Did you lose access to your health insurance as a result of COVID-19? Covered California extended special enrollment for health coverage until **August 31**.

Enroll to begin receiving the care you need at CoveredCA.com.

[Click here to see our social media toolkit.](#)

#WILL
BE
COUNTED



COUNT ME | 2020 CENSUS



Even though the 2020 Census does not collect information on sexual orientation or gender identity, the Census will help the federal government determine how many congressional seats and how much federal funding each state can receive. Taking the Census will make sure California can get fair representation in Congress and appropriate federal funding for local community projects and programs. Make your voice heard! Take the Census:

my2020census.gov.

[Click here to see sample messages and social media graphics.](#)

WE BREATHE

SUPPORTING TOBACCO-FREE LGBTQ COMMUNITIES

New Report

Reducing Vaping Among Youth and Young Adults - SAMHSA

This guide supports health care providers, systems, and communities seeking to prevent vaping. It describes relevant research findings, examines emerging and best practices, identifies knowledge gaps and implementation challenges, and offers useful resources.

[Download full report.](#)

LGBTQ News & Resources



California will Track Coronavirus' toll on LGBTQ Community, After Months of Delay

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California to Give Consumers More Time to Sign Up for Health Care Coverage by Extending Special-Enrollment Deadline During COVID-19 Pandemic

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HUD Moves to Allow Anti-trans Discrimination in Federally Funded Homeless Shelters

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California sues to protect Obamacare protections for LGBTQ residents

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